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MINSTRELS AT BRISTOL.

Howling Success in Every Way. Songs Especially Good.

MORE TRIPS IN THE FUTURE.

The Zigzag minstrels comprising the best minstrel talent in college invaded Bristol on the night of December 16th and scored a complete "knockout." The performance for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. of that city was witnessed by three hundred enthusiastic people. The college band and orchestra accompanied the show and gave it a real minstrel like finish.

The first part was a whirlwind of mirth and music. (Not a dull moment passed from the opening chorus till the curtain descended after the closing chorus). Jack Reynolds in songs and jokes was irresistible. The other ends consisting of Cap. Wiley, Casey Jones and Hutch "got across" in their usual style. Pleasing solos were rendered by Williams, Salisbury and McMurtry. Phil Condit was the dernier cri as interlocutor.

The second part opened with Condit and Williams discoursing "raggy music" on mandolins. The Radium quartette followed with a big supply of harmony and comedy. Prof. Fritz Von Schilling received generous applause with his cello solos. The show closed with the Whisk Jubilee singers discoursing old time songs.

The show as a whole was worthy of much praise and would do credit to professional performers. The boys expect to make several trips this spring.

Meeting of Debating Club.

The Debating club met on Tuesday, January 13, immediately after chapel exercises. There were not many present but there was plenty of interest shown. Two trial debates are to be held next week for the purpose of elimination and then the men will settle down to a thorough training in preparation for the great contests with Norwich and the University of Vermont. The club deserves a good strong backing for it is working to uphold a field of contest in which Midd has a good reputation. We hope the coming struggles with the other two Vermont colleges will arouse a worthy show of enthusiasm and support.

1914 Class Meeting.

The men of 1914 stayed for a few minutes after chapel on January 8th and talked over basketball matters.

"Hutch" nominated Wilcox as manager and he was elected by a unanimous vote. Triggs called for more material to whip a good team into shape and the meeting adjourned.

Attention!

The treasurer will be at Warner Hall Thursday. Friday, Saturday and Monday, February 5, 6, 7, and 9 to receive payment of the Second Semester Bills.

J. A. F.

William Thompson—Lord Kelvin.

As one who, walking ere the morning light,
Stirred by a force beyond the common ken,
Scorns each inducement to repose again,
Such is the vision bursting on his sight;
And rising steadfast in resistless might,
Forged by a faith that makes men more than men,
Like him of strength as of the strength of ten,
Essays the weary quest across the night—
So here, amid the shadows of a time
Blinded to nature's portal splendid, free,
This man, beholding with a faith sublime,
Braving the dark, sought out the golden key,
Gaining while others slept the lustrous prime
Of truths released for all posterity.

—Frank A. Farnsworth, jr.

—From "The Edison Monthly."

Y. M. C. A. Reconstruction Committee.

The Y. M. C. A. Reconstruction committee met on Friday, January 9th, in the Pedagogical library. It was composed of Professor McFarland, assistant Dean Wiley, Cassavant '14, Voss '14, Kron '15, and Cole '15. After a talk on the present situation in Y. M. C. A. affairs at Middlebury, various remedies were considered. An organization which will grip and interest every student is the ideal aimed at. This meeting was of course a bare introduction to the problem and the meeting adjourned at 6 p. m., after merely accomplishing these first steps. The next meeting was set for Thursday, January 15, and here the real work of drawing up a constitution will be entered upon.

Dr. Crawford in Middlebury.

On Tuesday morning, January 6th, the men of the college had the great pleasure of hearing Dr. Crawford, the famous missionary to central Africa. After the usual chapel exercises Dr. Crawford gave us a most interesting description of a twenty-three year sojourn in the wilds of the dark continent. He brought vividly before his hearers a bit of wild life in the jungle and also gave his impression of the sights of the civilized world after having been absent from them for twenty odd years. He spoke of talks with crowned heads of Europe and with various other great men and incidentally confided his opinion of the busy United States of today. The talk was all too short and we would like nothing better that to listen to Dr. Crawford again.

Indoor baseball practice will start this week and under the eye of Coach Fisher and Captain Vail Midd's team will receive their start off. With a fine staff of pitchers and veterans and a good group of youngsters to pick from, said team ought to be some hummer.

Pi Beta Phi Dance.

Vermont Alpha chapter of Pi Beta Phi entertained their friends at a dance in Masonic hall on Saturday evening, January the tenth. The wintry weather was forgotten when the dancers entered the springtime bower of green mingled with pink apple blossoms. The college orchestra furnished excellent music and the evening went all too rapidly. During intermission refreshments were served in the fraternity rooms. Among the guests of the fraternity were Miss Katherine Fish, Miss Gladys Wilson, Miss Alice Easton; Miss Marie McMahon, Miss Edith Gates, Miss Agnes Miller from Vermont Beta, University of Vermont; Miss Betsey Doane of Essex, Conn., Miss Annie Merrill, and Miss Ruth Draper from Enosburg Falls, Vt, Miss May Feeney from Ballston Spa, N. Y., Miss Rowena Harlow from Chester, Vt.

The French Club.

Quality not quantity was the motto of the Seicle Francais when a few of the faithful members met Wednesday evening, January 7th, at Pearsons hall. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing French games. After light refreshments were served, Miss Throop, who is to assume the responsibility of the club for the next semester, opened an informal discussion upon the course to be pursued during the coming year. It was decided to devote a part of each meeting to the reading of modern French drama and the discussion of current events in France.

Orations by Public Speaking Class

The class in Public Speaking will give orations on each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4 p. m. in the men's chapel. The students and faculty are cordially invited to attend. The schedule of speakers is as follows:

Monday, January 12, Messrs. Anderson and Grant.

Wednesday, January 14, Messrs. Bundy and Goodell.

Friday, January 16, Messrs. Cole and Day.

Monday, January 19, Messrs. Hendry and Sistare.

Wednesday, January 21, Messrs. McCloskey and Ross.

Friday, January 23, Messrs. MacLaughlin and Metcalfe.

Geology Lecture.

The lectures by Dr. W. T. Elsing began on Tuesday evening: His main subject of the four lectures will be "The Making of Our World." Tuesday evening, "The Reign of Fire," Wednesday evening he will have as his subject "The Warfare of Water," Thursday evening, "The Wonders of the Snow," Friday evening, "The Crown of the Creation."

The new College Bulletin is now being sent out to prospective students. It is a fine little publication in every way, well written up, and finely illustrated with cuts of buildings, interior views, athletic teams, etc. It is surely a credit to "Old Midd" and to the committee which has had the work of bringing it out.

THE CHRISTMAS PLAY.

A Fitting Introduction to the Spirit of Christmas.

CASTE DOES FINE WORK.

It is rapidly becoming one of the customs of the college to begin the Christmas season with a play by the students that protrays the spirit of Christmas. Last year, the English department presented scenes from the early nativity play. This year under the auspices of Dean Throop and Professor Cady the college was entertained by a dramatization of Dicken's "Christmas Carol." The plot is, of course, too well known to bear repeating, but the audience enjoyed it with added zest because of its familiarity. Old Scrooge growled and blustered, Bob Crachit shook and shivered, the ghost of Jacob Marley made the chills run up and down our spine just as when we read it by the fireside so long ago. The entire caste was admirably trained and did their parts like professionals. Some of the scenes were most charming in their setting and effect while others made up in interest and amusement what they lacked in beauty. Professor Burrage by a little introductory speech immediately put the audience into the most intimate touch with the performance and everyone listened with the Christmas spirit tugging at their hearts.

A social dance followed the play.

1917 Class Meeting.

The Freshmen held a class meeting at 1:30 p. m., on Thursday, January 8th in the Hemicycle. Basketball uniforms were the topic under discussion for a fitting uniform is a very necessary part in the building up of a successful team. It was decided that the manager should purchase the shoes and the team choose the sweaters. Uniform and shoes are to belong to the members of the team after the season.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. sent Miss Kendall, '15 and Miss Rowland, '16, as delegates to the Student Volunteer convention held in Kansas City, Mo., from the thirty-first of December until the fourth of January.

The regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held on Thursday afternoon, January 8, with Miss Feeney, '15, as leader. The topic was "A College Girl's Conversation," and many helpful suggestions and comments were made. The meetings this year are largely attended and are quite inspirational and helpful.

The Dramatic Club.

The Dramatic club met on Tuesday, January 6th, and enjoyed a very impromptu vaudeville show. The solo dancing and the trained dogs were the star features. This week the club meets to consider some of the current events of importance.

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EDITORIAL.

Show the class that you call your own that you are with it all the time. Come to the basket ball games and yell, yell your heads off, no matter whether you are freshmen or senior. This applies to you all. Your team may get only the honor of cellar position but show signs of life and encourage that team of yours to give the ones higher up an awful tussle putting them there. Its an honor to go down fighting in the last ditch and its up to every man in college to aid to the utmost that little band of five who are fighting for their honor and for his. Lets see you at the gym with a good pair of lungs and plenty of ginger not only at this week's game but at every game of the season.

The committee for reconstruction of Y. M. C. A. is working on plans for the closer drawing together of the men of Middlebury College. A clearing and strengthening of a true college love and spirit is a high ideal if carried out to its utmost possibilities but a start should be made in that direction. The men here now can work up the beginnings of a stronger, more cohesive Midd spirit and pass it on to future classes as a fine foundation on which to build and enlarge. Bringing the men together in mass meetings will tend to unity and with unity of thought and action we can show Midd off to much better advantage on any field, athletic or otherwise. The wall of petty clique and club feeling will thus be gradually battered down or at least sufficiently weakened to allow the man of any foresight at all to see that Midd is first and foremost and that he should make his spirit conform to her spirit in all that tends to growth and expansion.

Where are the hockey enthusiasts? Professor Swett's civil engineering class has laid out the lines for your rink, but you have not made use of their efforts. Fifty freshmen could complete that rink in an afternoon's work.

Second semester schedules have appeared and may now be obtained at the registrar's office.

STUDENT NOTES.

E. L. Parkinson, '15, is seriously ill at the Proctor hospital.

Professor Robinson has been ill for the last few days and has been unable to meet his classes.

George Seavey, '14, has returned to college after a long absence at his home in Hudson, N. H., because of illness.

Schedules for the second semester are now being filled out and other preliminaries looked after in preparation for a clear field for active work at the beginning in February.

The Kaleidoscope board has requested the seniors to get in their records immediately as the book will soon go to the publishers.

President Thomas was elected president of the Middlebury Board of Trade at its meeting on January 7th.

The Home Economics club will meet at Pearsons hall Wednesday evening, January 14. Miss Jenne, '14, will lead.

The Massachusetts club held a meeting on Friday. January 9th and voted to hold a social at Pearsons hall this week.

On January 9th, President Thomas delivered the eulogy at the funeral of H. W. Bailey of St. Johnsbury. Mr. Bailey was formerly United States marshal.

Dr. W. T. Elsing will be here Tuesday, January 13, to begin a series of four lectures in geology to the students of the college. Aided by lantern slides he will lecture in the chapel at eight o'clock on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Frederick Pihlman, '15, is seriously ill with pneumonia at his home in New Jersey. While skating on the Passaic river, with some friends, his younger brother broke through the ice and was swept under. Fred made a brave attempt to save him but failed and was himself rescued with difficulty. The cold contracted through this exposure has developed into a serious case of pneumonia.

Have you seen the new book store? It is in the basement of chapel now. It is a great improvement over the old one, and the new line of novelties are worth a glance.

Brickett, '16 and Hayes, '15 have recently taken rooms on the hill. Their address is now 21 Starr and their "at home" hours will be from 10 p. m. until the matches are all gone.

Freshmen who are complaining of the present cold snap are advised to save their complaints until real winter sets in. When it is 20 or 30 degrees below, they may then know that Midd's winter is at hand.

Dr. James Chalmers of Fitchburg, Mass., spent the week end with his son, Robert, and daughter, Elizabeth.

The Home Economics club will meet at Pearsons hall on Wednesday evening, January 14.

There was an informal dance Saturday evening at Pearsons hall from eight to eleven. The chaperones were Prof. and Mrs. McGilton and Mr. and Mrs. Voter.

Snow shoeing is quite the popular sport these days, It looks as if there would be plenty of opportunity for it this winter.

The Committee on Rushing Rules met on January 13.

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	1909	13	202	36,072
	1910	19	226	54,781
	1911	20	276	59,113
	1912	26	305	69,498
	1913	28	330	

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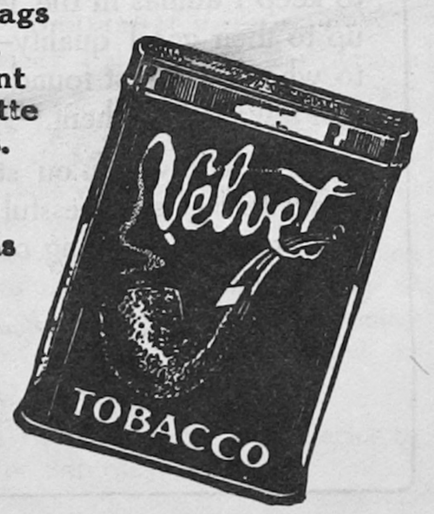

ALUMINI NOTES.

'09. Miss Munsey was in town for a short time during the Christmas holiday.

'10. Frank Shea spent the Christmas vacation in Middlebury.

'10. Miss Esther Shea was at her home in Middlebury during the holidays.

Another marriage is that of Helen Clark, '10, and Carl Cook, which took place in West Rutland during the past summer.

'11. The marriage of Benjamin Stewart to Miss Jessie Pratt Bloomfield of Westbrook, Conn., took place on New Year's day. The young couple will reside in Brooklyn, N. Y.

'11. John Avery was in town on December 16th.

'11. Stephen Doody, who has a position as teacher in Littleton, N. H., spent Christmas with his parents in Middlebury.

'11. Miss Mable Wales, a teacher in Northfield High school, was at the home of her parents in Middlebury during the Christmas vacation.

'11. Eunice Smith is teaching in the North High school, Worcester, Mass.

'12. Rachel Pike is training for a nurse in the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital. Her address is Vose Hall, Stoughton St., Boston, Mass.

'12. Hazel O'Connell was at her home in Middlebury for the vacation.

'12. Ralph Hedges was in town on January 10th and 11th.

The engagement is announced of Miss Pruda Harwood, '12, and Edgar J. Wiley, '13, now the Assistant Dean of Men.

'13. The engagement of Miss Carcline Buttolph to Mr. H. O. Williams of Rutland was announced recently. Congratulations from their many friends.

'13. Mary Archibald, who is teaching in Shoreham, Vt., spent a few days in Middlebury before going to her home for the vacation.

'13. Lawrence Bigelow stopped in Middlebury for a short time on his way home from Bellows Falls where he has a position as teacher in the High school.

'13. Miss Bessie Cudworth was in town on December 20th.

'13. Miss Ruth Brookins spent Christmas at her home in East Middlebury.

Ex-'14. Russell Smith was in Middlebury on December 19th and visited friends on the Hill.

At the athletic council meeting Friday afternoon, January 9th, the new athletic association's constitution was ratified.

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AFFIRMATIVE.	NEGATIVE.
Grant.	Day.
Voss.	Monahan.
Bundy.	Haskins.
Dade.	Floyd.
Sistare.	Anderson.
Hendry-	Mott.

Date of trials will be announced later.

The Delta Tau fraternity will hold their third annual banquet Thursday evening, January 15th, at the Sargent house. Following is the list of initiates: Thomas Bresnehan, Ralph Foote, Sumner Harrison, Milton Hard, William Hawks, Eugene Hubbard, Edward Hutchinson, Paul Kent, Ridgely Lee, jr., John Reynolds, Vergne Snow, Bruce Somers, Arthur Vaughan. Norton Williams.

Just at this time of year all the thrifty prodigals in college are turning out missives not at all unlike the following:

Dear dad:

I'm "broke" again. Please send me a check to cover the following items which are due February 1st. I will need $40 for tuition, and $20 for room rent and $15 for my Chem lab fee, and $2 for gym fee, and $1 for library fee, and $1 for chapel seat, and $2 for janitor service, and $5 for athletic fee and 50c for rent of radiator, and $1 for church sitting and $3 for social tax and $15 for what the college calls "incidentals." Also, please don't forget my regular allowance for board and laundry.

I hope all the folks at home are well. I'm getting on great in my studies and expect to get mostly A's and B's for marks unless something happens.

Oh, say, dad, will you please send me $5 for spending money, and I'll promise to try to make it last way into the middle of March at least.

Your loving son.

And after posting his letter to the "old folks at home," the ingenious pride of the family sits down and tries to figure how much of a "rake-off" he can expect to get on fathers' next check.

Physical Director Fisher has received his baseball contract from the New York American Baseball club and as its terms are satisfactory he may sign at once. If this is done it will be necessary to obtain a coach. Simeon Murch, last year's coach who is now in Boston will probably be the choice if a coach is needed. It looks like a successful season for "Pick" and we certainly wish him the very best of luck.

The annual reunion and luncheon of the alumnae of Alpha Chi was held at the Hotel Somerset, Boston, on the twenty-ninth of December. Mrs. Grace Potter Belisle of Fall River was toastmistress. Sarah Funnell and Katherine Hobbs were guests of the alumnae at the luncheon.

The Deutscher Verein held a very pleasant gathering December 15 at the home of Professor Skillings. Professor Cresse gave a very interesting talk on Germany.

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STUDENTS NOTES.

'47. Mrs. Anne Walker Boardman, wife of Rev. George N. Boardman, '47, died on January 2d at the home of her brother, Dr. Henry F. Walker, '60, in New York City. Interment was made in Pittsford.

'48. Mrs. Caroline Elizabeth Palmer Farnsworth, wife of Rev. W. A. Farnsworth, '48, died recently.

'60. Dr. Henry F. Walker, 18 West 55th St., New York, has announced to his friends and patients his retirement from active practice.

'76. Dr. E. H. Baxter, Hyde Park, Mass., spent a few days with his classmate, Prof. Thomas E. Boyce.

'89. Robert M. Collins is now with the Associated Press in New York. Address, Broadway and Dey St.

'97. Rev. L. A. Brown of Ballston, N. Y., was appointed to succeed Rev. John L. Fort as District Superindendent of the Saratoga district in the Troy Conference. Rev. Mr. Brown is a graduate of Middlebury in the class of 1897. The following extract is from the Troy Times: "Rev. Mr. Brown as a successor to Mr. Fort is expected to make an ideal District Superintendent. He was appointed by Bishop Wilson, who recognized his fidelity and ability for the place. He is forty years old and was born in Galway. With the exception of two or three years which he spent in the middle west he has always lived within the boundaries of the Troy Conference."

'02. Percival W. Wilds was in town on January 1st and 2nd. He is at present practicing law in New York city.

'06. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford D. Cushman are in Perth Road, Ontario, Canada.

'06. The address of Harold R. Bird is 1115 East 18th Ave., Spokane, Wash.

One of Middlebury's alumnae of whom we should be proud is Miss Isabelle Cole, '06. After leaving Middlebury she studied at Radcliffe, and received her M. A. from Harvard. Now she is at Yale studying chemistry in the graduate school on a fellowship. She has the distinction of being the only woman in that department.

'07. C. Lisle Percy and Mrs. Percy, (Mable Stevenson, '07,) are in Charlton, Mass., where Mr. Percy is pastor of a church.

Mrs. William W. Elders, (Marguerite Harwood, '07) is at 9 Gardiner Place, Montclair, N. J.

Miss Gwendoline T. Hughes, '07, is at her home in Fair Haven, Vt., where she is engaged in private teaching.

'08. Pearl Fuller is teaching in the high school in Ravenna, N. Y.

We note the marriage of Mary Markolf, '08, and Ernest Wheatley in West Rutland, December thirteenth. Their address is West Rutland.

'08. Merrill S. June, formerly of Middlebury and a graduate of the college, has opened a law office in Worcester, Mass., at 704 Slater building. Mr. June for the past year has been associated with the well known firm of Taft & Stobbs, after graduating from the University of Michigan Law school. He was admitted to practice in Michigan and Massachusetts.

'09. We notice in the "Reveille" of Norwich University that Prof. A. W. Peach is adviser on the Editorial Board of that paper.

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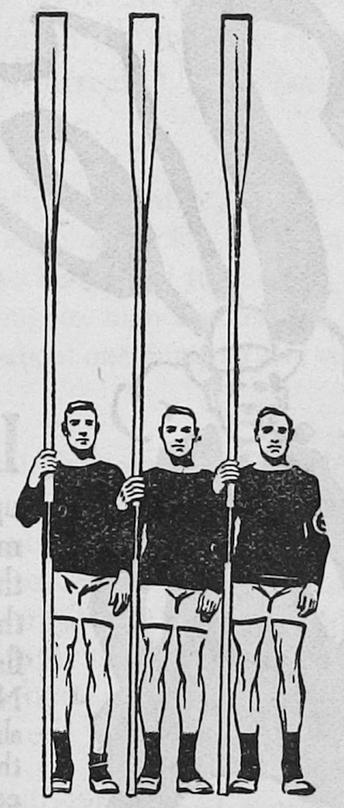

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